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SUBJECT: DRILLING BY US OIL COMPANIES ALONG NIGERIA-
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1. INFO CONTAINED REPAIR WOULD BE EXTREMELY INTERESTING TO ASHLAND OIL COMPANY. UNLESS YOU HAVE OBJECTION, EMBASSY PROPOSES INFORM ASHLAND IN GENERAL ABOUT MOBIL PLANS, INCLUDING GENERAL LOCATION THREE DRILLING SITES, WITHOUT REVEALING SOURCE.

2. FYI, ASHLAND WORKING UNDER PRODUCTION-SHARING CONTRACT WITH NIGERIAN NATIONAL OIL CORPORATION (WHICH MEANS NNOC HAS 100 PERCENT EQUITY, ASHLAND RISKS OWN CAPITAL, AND THE TWO COMPANIES DIVIDE ANY CRUDE WHICH MIGHT BE PRODUCED) AND THEREFORE DOES NOT HAVE "CONCESSION" IN TRADITIONAL SENSE. IN ANY EVENT, JAPAN PETROLEUM COMPANY (NIGERIA) LTD. (51 PERCENT OWNED BY NNOC) IS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH ASHLAND, AND ITS CONCESSIONS ARE WELL TO WEST OF BORDER.

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